

The Tories' decision to abolish Forensic Science Service looks like a catastrophic error of judgement – Louise Haigh

Louise Haigh MP, Labour's Shadow Policing Minister, commenting on the news that the manipulation of forensics data may have affected up to 10,000 cases, said:

“As the true scale of this scandal becomes apparent, the Tories' decision to abolish the Forensic Science Service is beginning to look like a catastrophic error of judgement.

“The lack of statutory powers to enforce standards in forensics has given private providers a green light to cut corners.

“It is utterly scandalous to think that decision-making in child safeguarding or criminal prosecutions may have been adversely affected by this alleged manipulation.

“Ministers need to urgently explain what will be done to ensure anyone affected is identified and what steps are being taken so nothing like this can happen again.”